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SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK ARRANGEMENTS: THE FIRST STEPS

SUMMARY: CIVILETTI AND TEAM ARRIVED. EVENTS ARE IN
PROGRESS. END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVILETTI AND TEAM
ARRIVED IN SEOUL ON SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JANUARY 8. PRESS
COVERAGE AT AIRPORT WAS HEAVY AND CIVILETTI STATEMENT
HAS BEEN REPORTED BY USIS.

2. EARLY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, MOFA'S PAK SANG YONG
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INFORMED POLCOUNS CLARK THAT ROK WAS PREPARED TO BEGIN
FORMAL MEETING ON JANUARY 10, ONE DAY AHEAD OF PREVIOUSLY
AGREED DATE. HE SAID ROK SAW VIRTUE IN MOVING EXPEDITIOUSLY
NOW THAT CIVILETTI TEAM IN SEOUL.

3. INFORMAL MEETING WITH MICHEL AND KIM YU-HU WAS HELD
IN PAK'S OFFICE AFTERNOON JANUARY 9 TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING

DAY'S ACTIVITIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT FOLLOWING A 1000 HOURS COURTESY CALL BY CIVILETTI ON THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, BOTH SIDES WOULD COMMENCE FORMAL SESSION. THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WAS AGREED:

JANUARY 10, SIGNING OF MPAA; JANUARY 11, INTERVIEW WITH TONGSUN PARK AND SIGNING OF MOU; JANUARY 12, INSPECTION OF FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENT FOR INTERROGATION; JANUARY 13, FULL DAY'S INTERROGATION OF TONGSUN PARK.
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